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December 2, 2002

Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Attn: Troy Brady
Washington DC 20423

Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1095X)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Background:

- Resident of Eden Township
- Adjacent landowners (my wife and I) to abandoned Low Grade railroad and to the stone archway on Pumping Station Road--the closest house in the township.
- Elected Supervisor of Eden Township

Opinions:

The Surface Transportation Board has a tough decision regarding the Low Grade railroad and the stone archways that permit a continuous right of way. Some considerations which I request be taken into consideration in rendering your decision are:

- Each stone archway is a historical monument to the many local Italian immigrants that were brought into this country as stonecutters. We have no other monuments in this township to compare to the archway that is within view of our home. The descendants to the stonecutters still live in this township and the surrounding townships. Regardless of all the statements by the various politicians, there has never been an accident at this location since we moved here in 1971. If there were not available money to be divided among the townships, the attitudes of many of the local politicians would change. There was never any interest until the discovery of available funds.
- The railroad bed is an asset that will serve many individuals (or the railroad) if kept intact. What good is a 26 mile 200 foot right of way if not continuous? Tearing down the beautiful archways will create more problems than it will solve.
- The citizens of the various townships have had very little voice in the decisions of the few politicians involved. In our township, a letter was sent to you without a vote or official process that allowed for public input. This is true in other townships as well. The opinions expressed by the few may not be the opinions of the many.

It is my hope and desire that you personally observe this piece of property and the archways in question before you make a decision. You are only 2-2 1/2 hours away.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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